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SHORT PARAGRAPHS Collected by our Local Correspondents, for the BETHEL NEWS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS,

You are earnestly requested to send us the news from your locality every week. If you get out of stationery drop us a line. In every town where we have not already got a correspondent we would like to make arrangements with some person to furnish us with items. Write us.

WEST BETHEL.

Sleighing at last, and all are happy.

Edgar and Elmer Briggs went to Gilead, Friday, to visit their two sisters there, and returned Saturday.

Mrs. Hannah Watson died quite suddenly, Thursday night. She leaves one child, a son, who has worked for Orrin Foster in Newry for a number of years.

We admire the improved appearance of the News with its page of county items, its "Children's Column" and "News of the State." Every son and daughter of Bethel now residing in other states, must find much to interest them in this home sheet.

BUCKFIELD.

C. B. Atwood was in Boston last week after goods.

All business has been at a standstill for want of snow.

Yes, the people are smiling by reason of the beautiful snow.

The Woman's Literary Club met with Mrs. A. W. Libby the 28th.

The Methodist society have banquet advertised for Friday evening.

Fred Atwood of Rumford Falls made a flying trip to this place, Monday.

The sick ones which I have mentioned in former locals, I am pleased to state are improving.

Hiram Conant's wife and seven children, living about two miles out, are sick with the measles.

The water syndicate is sighing for wind. Wind mills are a feeble institution without wind.

E. A. Warren & Son are soon to have an auction of sleighs. This has been a hard winter for a sleigh dealer.

R. C. Thames and Lee Bridgman had a lucky fall from a staging on the M. E. church extension. Both arrived on the frozen ground unhurt.

People discuss this comparatively snowless winter, and this one and that, sometime in the misty past, can remember just such a one but we seriously doubt that the oldest inhabitant ever witnessed just such a one.

Alfred Cole's adjourned auction for Saturday, although stormy, was more of a success than that of the week previous. More goods were sold, without considering the one Bible that was sold, and this by advertising and the determination of the auctioneer Bridgman to sell at least one.

The Harper's Ferry Quartette gave entertainments at the Baptist church the 22nd and 23rd. They were fairly well patronized and although two of their number were quite ill with severe colds, their entertainments were good, and "de ole plantation molodies," which were interpreted, were very pleasing.

NORTH NORWAY.

"Oh, the beautiful snow, how every one rejoices to see it, and how the sleigh bells are jingling."

The Reading Club met at J. A. French's the 22nd, with an attendance of thirty-six.

Mrs. Ellen Keene from Poland, is stopping at R. Town's a few weeks.

Charles Foster and his sister Carrie, have returned to Lynn, Mass.

People around here are hauling their ice this week.

B. H. Macalaster with a crew of men and horses are moving a building from Elmer Drew's to his place a mile or more, for a sugar house.

GRAFTON.

O. B. Dodge went to Norway, Monday. Daisy Brooks was home from Bethel, over Sunday; she was accompanied by Miss Beatrice Kellner.

A surprise party at J. H. Farrar's Saturday night, at which all appeared to have a good time.

About five inches of snow fell last Friday night, and a little more Sunday making quite good sleighing.

VERTICAL WRITING.

Telegraphers are mainly responsible for its introduction here.

If the vertical handwriting which is being taught in our public schools prevails, and becomes the ordinary handwriting, the people who enjoy its advantages will have in large measure the telegraphers to thank for it. They have been the pioneers of vertical writing. For the last twenty years almost every telegraph operator in the country has written a round, vertical hand, plainer than any other sort of handwriting known, with round, fat loops for the letters which drop below the line, and simple capitals. This telegrapher's handwriting has much in common with the English "civil service handwriting," which may have preceded it, but the civil service hand is less often vertical and has certain points of difference. Men's handwriting tends in a general way to conform to the fashion of Roman print prevalent at any time, and as the most ordinary print nowadays is of a round or Scotch face, it is not strange on the whole that the tendency in handwriting is toward a round letter. Women's handwriting is more capricious in its fashion, though it has inclined pretty steadily now for several years toward angular Britishism.

NORTHWEST BETHEL.

Miss Brownie Stearns has been on the sick list for some days.

Delmer Brown of Peabody, Mass., was here visiting his son Frank, last week.

James Tyler has moved his family into the house on the "Pratt place," rumor says he contemplates buying the farm.

Charles Verrill who has had a severe time with an abscess on his right hand, has so far recovered the use of it, as to be able to work some.

Samuel S. Bennett and a friend from Gorham, N. H., visited at Mr. B's old home here the 26th. Sam owns and drives a very fine team, the horse is jet black standing over sixteen hands high and weighing twelve hundred pounds.

Sam Perkins, employed in hauling pulp wood for Wm. Chapman, last week had a very narrow escape from a watery grave. Three teams were coming down on the river; Mr. Perkins was ahead and his load tipped a little and he walked by the side of it to see to righting it up, when the ice gave way beneath his feet and he went down into the river to his arms; in an instant the sled broke through, and the two cords of pulp went over Mr. P. completely burying him. The men behind him succeeded in rescuing him after a few minutes but he was badly bruised and chilled; if the horses had started he would have been swept away under the ice; as it was there is much to be thankful for.

NORWAY.

The recent snow is gladly welcomed by business men in general. Plenty of wood is being hauled into the village now and trade begins to increase in the stores.

A large number of young people attended the Masquerade Skate at South Paris, Saturday evening. All report a grand time. The Electric put in a late trip to accommodate the skaters.

Union prayer meetings were held during last week in the Baptist, Methodist and Congregationalist churches. Each meeting was fully attended and a unity of spirit never before seen here manifested.

Contractor Adams has had plumbers from Portland piping the new shop for water. Several men from different firms have inspected the building recently preparatory to contracting for the steam heating and gas piping.

Will Carleton attracted a good sized crowd to the Opera House last Friday evening, regardless of the Northeast that had full sway at the time. The speaker was interesting indeed, beside keeping his audience in smiles by the original witty sayings and impersonations.

WILSON'S MILLS.

Victor Gilbert is working for Fred Taylor.

J. W. Clark has been up river. He returned home Sunday.

Simon Stahl has been up to the logging camps selling matches etc.

Ernest Bennett, who has been working for John Oelson, is now at home.

A. B. Forbush of Berlin, has been visiting the camps with jewelry, etc., for sale.

Mrs. A. W. Fickett of Errol, N. H., is in town visiting relatives and friends.

One pair of Ed Hamel's horses dragged a load containing 3430 feet of timber recently.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Johnson of Bloomfield, Vt., returned home Tuesday. They have been visiting Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Flint.

DENMARK.

Frank True is out again.

Most of our primary schools will close this week.

Mrs. A. H. Witham is very feeble, and is a great sufferer.

Seven inches of snow came Friday night and everybody is glad.

Mr. Swan will board with Adrial Whales. He is talking of going away.

Our people have been putting in their ice and drawing it in wagons. The roads were very smooth.

Frank True's wife's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Sweetser, are visiting them.

Rev. Mr. Sargent and family, who have been boarding at Geo. Colby's, have hired E. E. Swan's house and will move into it this week.

Chas. McArthur had an auction last Thursday to sell his horses, harness, etc. C. O. Pendexter was auctioneer. The sales were small.

Ruth, the four months old daughter of Perley Rankins, died quite suddenly the 22nd and was carried to Baldwin Thursday for burial.

Freeman Sanborn, who is teaching school at Hiram, was quite sick last week, and his sister Ruth went down and stayed with him a few days.

MASON.

George Bennett is breaking his colt.

S. O. Grover is hauling ice for O. G. Mason.

L. E. Tyler is helping his brother, Arthur, out ice.

A. A. Richmond is cutting timber for C. L. Abbott.

Ernest Merrill and Willard Mason, are hauling white ash for N. G. Mills.

The ladies' sewing circle will meet with Miss Annie Merrill, Wednesday afternoon and evening.

LETTER FROM WEST BETHEL.

West Bethel, Jan. 20, 1896.

While at Bethel recently, we were pleased to notice the thriving business done in that village, and to find each one on duty at their place of business with enough to do to wait on their several customers, which shows that each one gets his share of patronage. The place is well supplied with lawyers, doctors, sheriffs, merchants, photographers, and very enterprising farmers, beside men of other callings too numerous to mention. We will note a few of our pleasant calls.

First we called on our friend Ellingwood, proprietor of the Bethel News; we found a nice, neat looking office, with the proprietor himself hard at work, with several hands busy at their part of the work. Mr. Ellingwood has by untiring effort established a nice and newsy paper, which continues to improve each week; and this remark is being made by many. You should try it, only \$1.25 per year. If you have never seen a copy send to the office and get a sample, which will be freely sent you.

Our next call was at the photograph studio; we found the proprietor, Irving Kimball, at his post of duty, ready to accommodate all in want of anything in his line of business. He has a great many different views of Bethel and vicinity, and these with other excellent photographs show that he does first class work. He is ready to supply you with good photographs or anything that comes in his line of business, at reasonable rates. Give him a call; it will cost you nothing to look over his stock and get prices.

We then called on sheriff Penley, we found him very sociable and ready to attend to the duties of his office; he is a good man for the office he holds.

Our time was limited, so we made but few more calls, but we wish to mention our friend E. S. Smith, the hen fancier and proprietor of the Hillside poultry farm; he has over three hundred hens and roosters, which he cares for each day, and through all the crowing and cackling he wears a smile on his face as he goes from pen to pen and gathers up his hundred eggs per day. He is an expert at the business.

JERSEY CITY'S CHARON.

Ferries You Over "The Gap," and, Like the Styx Boatman, Gets Your Obolus First.

The shortest of all ferries, and one the ordinary New Yorker only stumbles across through some unimportant circumstance, is that at "The Gap," between Communipaw and Jersey City, says the New York Herald.

Go to Communipaw and then ask some one how to get to Jersey City, and the chances are that you will be told to return to New York and take another ferry. But if your informant be a trainman, particularly a Lehigh Valley man, he will tell you to risk your life by crossing the tracks of a great railroad system, walking two hundred yards and finding the shortest of ferries.

There you will find a great wide row-boat, a solemn visaged man and about fifty yards of unbridged water. The fare is two cents. He of the solemn visage collects it before he leaves the Communipaw side. He does not row; he sculls and propels the boat with a single oar from the stern. Sometimes he earns thirty cents on one passage.

He is a great admirer of the Pennsylvania railroad and an excellent admirer of the Pennsylvania. Some time ago it was proposed to bridge the gap. The Pennsylvania objected. But for that were Charon's occupation gone.

So now he is swayed by the Pennsylvania and at the Lehigh Valley, for the employees of the last named railroad have a ferry of their own.

Cigarette Smoking in England. It is puzzling to account for the different status of the cigarette in England and the United States. It is very rare to find a man past middle life smoking cigarettes, yet the statement is made on good authority that Herbert Spencer, who is seventy-five, smokes them, and it is equally true in reading the personal gossip of London weekly papers that the same fault (from a cigar smoker's point of view) is alleged against many men of prominence in life. When Emily Faithful died the story of her fondness for cigarettes was repeated, and it shocked many American readers; but Miss Faithful was not unique among English ladies in this indulgence. In the case of the men perhaps the inferior quality of their cigars and the proximity of England to the continent may account for the preference given to the cigarette.

Victoria's Crown Not Often Worn. The fact that Victoria has only worn her crown sixteen times is not surprising when it is known that the royal diadem weighs a few pounds less than a barrel of flour. There is really no reason why the royal head should be transformed into a pedestal, and Queen Victoria proves that she possesses some good, hard democratic sense by refusing to pose as a royal heavyweight head balancer.

Art of Chinese Burglars. The Chinese burglar takes an ingredient of his own, burns it and blows the smoke through the keyhole of the bedroom where the master of the house is asleep. The fumes dull the senses of the victim just enough to make him helpless, while at the same time permitting him to see and hear everything that goes on in the room. The only antidote against the charm is pure water, and most of the wealthy Chinese sleep with a basin of this near their heads.

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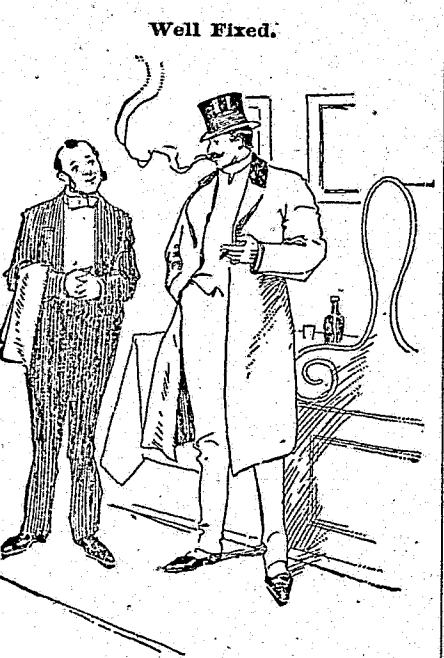
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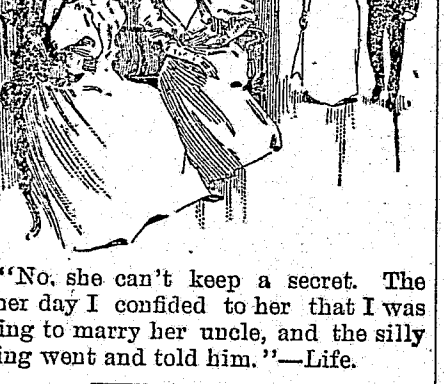


"I suppose you get a good many tips, waiter?"

"Oh, yes, sir, from everybody."

"Then in that case there is no need for me to give you one. Good morning."—St. James Budget.

Not to Be Trusted.



"No, she can't keep a secret. The other day I confided to her that I was going to marry her son, and the silly thing went and told him."—Life.

Those Foreign Chaps Get There Every Time.



Pugnacious and Jealous Party (in road).—There sits that imported poodle that's breaking the hearts of all the she dogs in the neighborhood. He even weaned my pet setter's affection from me. How I'd like to have him out here in the road for just five minutes! (Walks slowly away, growling, and waits at the corner.)—Truth.

He Was Right.



"Hist!" whispered the villain. "I thought you would be," remarked the stage manager.—Ally Sloper.

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MOON'S PHASES.

 Third Quarter	7 10:41 a.m.	 First Quarter	22 9:58 p.m.
 New Moon	14 5:35 p.m.	 Full Moon	30 4:11 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 21.

...the township of Holy Trinity,
...Report of Russo-Turkish
...not confirmed. - Blizzard raging
...confinement, Iowa and Missouri - John
...organ of Clinton, Mass., indicted
...murder - Hammond, the Ameri-
...restored in the Transvaal, well
... - A \$40,000 fire at Holyoke,
...Free silver convention to be
...at St. Louis on July 23 -
...gured by Massachusetts state board
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...ed on account of rabies - C. L.
...of Springfield, Mass., appointed

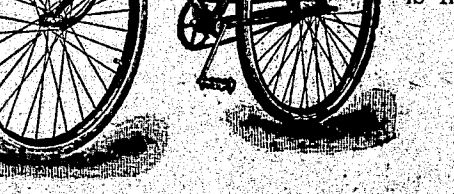
More Slander.
Twist a woman and a folding bed
Resemblance strong we see;
When each shuts up—be it softly said—
'Tis unexpectedly.
—Chicago Record.

Butter Declining With Fat

Hidden.
Bilster—Willie, has your mother
lying a new rug?
Silmsen—Yes. You wouldn't
there was a hole in the carpet now,
out—Detroit Free Press.

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—Well, you see, I've advertised
his house is within a stone's throw
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